

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES**

In re: Dale Rossano, D.V.M.

Petition No. 961212-047-028

**INTERIM CONSENT ORDER**

WHEREAS, Dale Rossano, D.V.M., of Orange, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 001971 to practice veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 384 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended.

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine (hereinafter "the Board"), approved of a Consent Order in Petition No. 930921-047-021 on June 8, 1994, which placed respondent's license on probation for a period of five (5) years subject to various terms and conditions. (A copy of the Consent Order is attached and marked as Attachment "A").

WHEREAS, the Board approved of a Modification of such Consent Order on April 17, 1996. (A copy of the Modification is attached and marked as Attachment "B").

WHEREAS, the Department has received information regarding respondent's alleged non-compliance with his Consent Order in Petition No. 930921-047-021 and alleged illegal conduct, substance abuse and/or mental illness.

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to obtain additional evidence before this case is presented to the Board and the parties wish to provide for the protection of the public during the interim.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17 and §20-202 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, the parties hereby stipulate to the following:

1. Respondent's license number 001971 to practice as a veterinarian shall be suspended for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days commencing on the effective date of this Order.
2. Respondent shall surrender his veterinary license number 001971 to the Board immediately upon approval of this Interim Consent Order by the Board.
3. Respondent shall, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Interim Consent Order, submit to an evaluation by Alan Shulik, Ph.D. (hereinafter the "evaluator(s)"). Such evaluation shall include psychological testing. In addition to the psychological testing, respondent shall submit to any additional testing deemed reasonable by the evaluator(s) in completing the evaluation. The evaluator(s) shall submit the results of the evaluation to the Department within thirty (30) days of such evaluation.
4. Respondent shall refrain from the ingestion or use of alcohol and the ingestion, inhalation, injection or other use of any controlled substance and/or legend drug unless he is under the direct medical care of a licensed physician; in the event a medical condition arises requiring treatment utilizing controlled substances or legend drugs, respondent shall notify the Department and, upon request, provide such written documentation of the treatment by the treater, as is deemed necessary by the Department.
  - a. During this period of suspension, respondent shall submit to twice weekly random observed urine screens for alcohol, controlled substances, and legend drugs by a testing

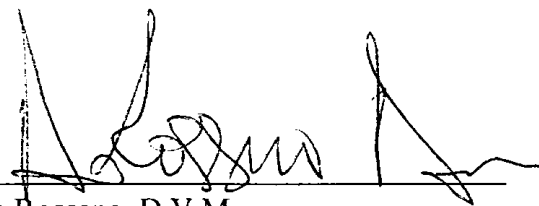
facility and urine monitor pre-approved by the Department. All such random screens shall be legally defensible in that the specimen donor and chain of custody shall be identified throughout the screening process. All laboratory reports shall state that the chain of custody procedure has been followed.

- b. Respondent shall cause to have the facility provide monthly reports to the Department on the urine screens for alcohol, controlled substances and legend drugs. All such screens shall be negative for alcohol, controlled substances, and legend drugs, except for medications prescribed by respondent's physician. If respondent has a positive urine screen, the facility shall immediately notify the Department. All positive random drug and alcohol screens shall be confirmed by gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer testing.
  - c. Respondent is hereby advised that the ingestion of poppy seeds has, from time to time, been raised as a defense to a positive screen result for morphine and/or opiates. For that reason, respondent agrees to refrain from ingesting poppy seeds in any food substances during the term of this Interim Consent Order. In the event respondent has a positive screen for morphine and/or opiates, respondent agrees that the ingestion of poppy seeds shall not constitute a defense to such a screen.
  - d. Respondent understands and agrees that if he fails to submit a urine sample when requested by his monitor, such missed screen shall be deemed a positive screen.
  - e. Respondent shall notify the Department and each of his health care professionals of all medications prescribed for him by any and all other health care professionals.
5. The Department shall not seek a summary suspension of respondent's license for so long as this Interim Consent Order remains in effect and while respondent abides by its terms.

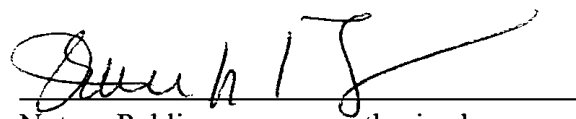
6. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of his license before the Board.
7. This stipulation shall not deprive respondent of his right to a hearing on the merits of this case, nor shall it be construed as an admission of any fact or waiver of any right to which respondent may be entitled, other than as specifically provided for herein.
8. This Interim Consent Order shall become effective on the day it is approved and entered by the Board.
9. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Interim Consent Order and the factual basis for this Interim Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether an executed Interim Consent Order is approved or accepted.
10. Respondent has had the opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

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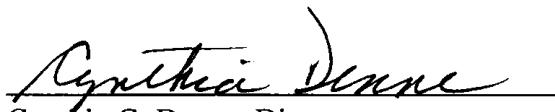
I, Dale Rossano, D.V.M., have read the above Interim Consent Order, and I agree to the terms set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Interim Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

  
Dale Rossano, D.V.M.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of March, 1997.

  
~~Notary Public~~ or person authorized  
by law to administer an oath or  
affirmation  
*Commissioner of the Superior Court*

The above Interim Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 10th day of March, 1997, it is hereby accepted.

  
Cynthia G. Denne, Director  
Health Systems Regulation

The above Interim Consent Order having been presented to the Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine on the 2nd day of April, 1997, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

  
Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine